

“Jesus Has Authority-Man Should Obey”

Matt. 28:18-20; Col. 3:17

Introduction

- I. How much authority do we believe that God has over our lives?
- II. Are we confident that the way we are living will be sufficient come Judgment Day?

Discussion

- I. God's authority is shown when we examine certain verses.
 - A. God is the Creator, we are the creation.
 1. Since He is the creator, He has the right to dictate how things must be (Isa. 43:21).
 2. We as His creation should recognize our roles are subjective.
 - B. Our lives are supposed to be lived fearing God and obeying His Word (Ecc. 12:13).
 - C. Whether man likes it or not, God has the authority, and we will be held accountable (Heb. 4:13).
 - D. Being a part of the Godhead, therefore being God, we need to understand that Jesus is the final source for our authority today (Matt. 28:18-20; Col. 3:17; Gen. 18:25).
 - E. No man can escape the authority of Jesus (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12; Eccl. 12:14).
 1. Unforgiven sins will be brought against us in Judgment (Rom. 2:16).
 2. There is nothing that is out of the reach of Christ's authority (Matt. 12:36).
 3. Jesus will be fair [accept His authority and obey Him-Heaven; reject His authority and disobey Him-Hell (1 Pet. 1:17).
- II. What are our true feelings to Christ, His Word and His church?
 - A. The Father has emphasized our need to listen to Jesus (Matt. 17:1-5).
 - B. The writer of Hebrews made it plain that in this dispensation we are to listen to Jesus (Heb. 1:1-2).
 - C. If we will not accept Christ's authority, and choose to remain disobedient to His doctrine, then we will find ourselves condemned.
 - D. It is the word of Christ that is the standard of Judgment (John 12:48; Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18-19).
 - E. Rejecting Christ's authority means that we reject Christ's church, and thus we accept destruction (Eph 5:23).

Conclusion

- I. Far too many are far too flippant when it comes to the authority of Jesus.
- II. Different acts of worship, different organizations, different doctrines and different ideas of how to be saved.
 - A. There is the need to hear the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).
 - B. Man needs to believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24).
 - C. An individual must repent of his sins (Acts 17:30-31).
 - D. Confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God must be made (Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:37).
 - E. In order to be added to the church and obtain salvation, a person must be baptized into Christ [as Jesus has authorized] for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 19:1-5; Matt. 28:18-20).